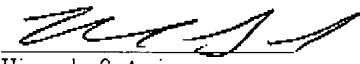


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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 4, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following species: a vibration sensing system based on a principle of light modulation, a vibration sensing system based on a principle of evanescently coupling light, and a vibration sensing system based on a principle of interferometry.

Applicant's representative hereby elects with traverse the vibrating sensing system based on a principle of light modulation (Claims 1-11 and 18) for further prosecution on the merits.

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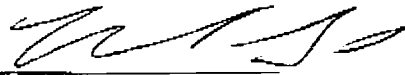
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